

Remarks

Claims 31-56 are now present in the application.

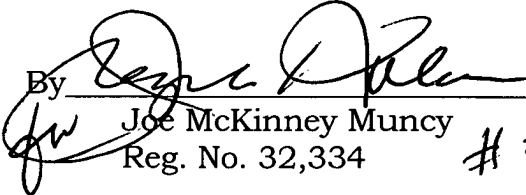
Favorable action on the instant application is earnestly solicited. In the event there are any outstanding matters in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area in order to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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